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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Re: Docket No. AB-573X; Trinidad Ry., Inc. – Abandonment Exemption –
Las Animas County, Colorado

Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 160X); Union Pacific Railroad Company –
Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption – Las Animas County,
Colorado
205029

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP"), which is a trackage rights tenant on the above line.

UP is not taking any position on the issues involved in the OFA phase of this proceeding. However, to avoid any future misunderstandings, UP is submitting this letter to advise the Board and the parties that UP's trackage rights over the subject line remain in effect. While UP obtained exemption authority in Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 160X) permitting it to discontinue its trackage rights, the authority has never been exercised. UP has deferred any decision on exercising its discontinuance authority until the OFA phase of this proceeding is concluded and the future of the line is resolved.

An additional ten copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's files.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert T. Opal".

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cc: Parties shown on Certificate of Service

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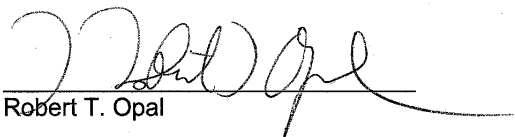
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Dated at Omaha, Nebraska this 21st day of March 2002.


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